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RECORDS

This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; and Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area).

POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st March 1945 was estimated to be 489,691.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

(Issues prior to April 1945 contained particulars for Metropolitan Area only).

Note: Particulars relative to deaths refer to civilians only.

		OCTOBER		10 months ended October	
		1945	1944	1945	1944
Marriages	No.	326	379	3,103	3,783
"	*Rate per 1000 of population	7.79	9.19	7.59	9.36
Births	No.	1,001	967	9,177	9,126
"	*Rate per 1000 of population	23.92	23.45	22.46	22.59
Deaths	No.	441	377	3,959	3,793
"	*Rate per 1000 of population	10.54	9.14	9.69	9.39
Infant Mortality	No.	26	16	267	291
" "	Rate per 1000 live births	25.97	16.55	29.09	31.89
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>					
Tuberculosis		14	7	137	125
Cancer		56	48	483	458
Influenza		1	-	8	9
Diphtheria		2	1	17	20
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.		37	47	372	343
Arteriosclerosis		17	14	149	150
Diseases of the Heart		128	88	1,112	917
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia		35	21	234	288
Diarrhoea and Enteritis		3	3	40	45
Nephritis		24	11	169	144
Diseases of Early Infancy		16	11	151	152
Senility		16	15	126	157
Accidents		20	33	209	218
All Other Causes		72	78	752	767
Total		441	377	3,959	3,793

*Equivalent Annual Rate.

See Overleaf.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eleven months ended November, 1945 totalled 212,594 acres, an increase of 8,447 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,396,248 acres, a decrease of 827,959 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of November		5 Months ended November	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
	£	£	£	£
Revenue ..	1,026,521	1,110,600	5,118,725	5,354,381
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.1.7d.	£2.5.7d.	£10.7.11d.	£11.0.1d.
Expenditure ..	1,167,746	1,105,943	5,821,387	5,533,035
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2.7.4d.	£2.5.5d.	£11.16.6d.	£11.7.6d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 30th November, 1945 amounted to £33,844,883, or £68.11.11d. per head of population, as against £28,491,932, or £58.8.7d. per head as at the 30th November last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 26th November, 1945 amounted to £3,195,276 compared with £2,744,768 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		November		5 months ended November	
		1945	1944	1945	1944
Transfers ..	(No. .. £ ..)	1,200 438,988	874 398,778	5,192 2,206,560	4,335 1,699,478
Mortgages ..	(No. .. £ ..)	490 352,257	242 206,837	1,920 1,734,547	1,132 1,128,167
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	599	483	2,976	2,476

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross)		
	£	£	£	£
1944 -				
November	874,649	771,898	1,622,266	112,531
December	712,619	567,240	1,395,211	112,383
1945 -				
January	808,314	604,283	1,708,485	128,267
February	711,327	640,732	1,180,561	109,340
March	697,298	750,151	1,362,562	108,056
April	765,446	685,948	1,276,250	110,919
May	854,328	759,824	1,739,042	129,591
June	787,976	813,528	1,454,764	118,410
July	746,309	671,083	1,543,774	113,791
August	789,944	794,990	1,376,342	122,199
September	740,005	1,022,344	1,296,822	117,040
October	915,297	625,467	1,420,116	121,706
November	896,541	840,276	1,671,491	133,311

COMPANIES REGISTERED

19 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £533,000 and 13 foreign Companies were registered for the five months ended 30th November, 1945. For the corresponding period last year there were registered 2 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £5,500 and 5 foreign companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	5 months ended 30th November					
	1945			1944		
	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £
Sequestration Orders	8	16,281	6,259	1	2,660	1,645
Deeds of Assignment (a)	1	2,025	230	1	672	1,016
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follow:-

	OCTOBER		4 months ended October	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Gross Earnings £	368,200	389,100	1,329,700	1,496,700
Working Expenses £	359,348	312,445	1,322,249	1,242,413
Train miles run	535,102	536,885	2,035,561	2,119,892
Passenger Journeys	(b) 1,503,338	1,582,041	(a)	6,133,585
Tonnage carried -				
Paying Goods	203,822	226,093	789,773	966,407
Livestock	18,162	18,106	47,301	52,190
Departmental (Free Freight)	39,494	43,803	151,670	175,261
Total	261,478	288,002	988,744	1,193,858
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	25,578,638	25,482,887	101,026,704	105,153,363
Livestock	2,265,948	1,943,860	5,518,128	5,547,106
Departmental (Free Freight)	5,647,711	6,284,077	21,705,504	25,854,823
Total	33,492,297	33,710,824	128,250,336	136,555,292

(a) Not available.

(b) Figures for September.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
Year -	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1944	23	310	5	35	28	803	9	93
1945 -								
January	5	8	-	12	5	30	-	15
February	-	15	1	-	-	38	1	4
March	1	26	1	24	3	33	1	33
April	1	20	-	2	1	79	-	8
May	2	22	2	24	2	110	4	55
June	6	20	-	7	9	20	-	7
July	-	20	2	7	-	34	2	8
August	-	12	-	7	-	21	-	7
September	2	19	-	4	2	29	-	6
October	5	21	1	4	7	31	-	15
November	4	26	-	11	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1944 -								
June	18,133	5,578	231	2,639	30,295	22,183	276	4,324
December	18,083	6,244	246	2,491	30,051	22,946	298	4,031
1945 -								
January	18,135	6,305	242	2,543	29,754	22,042	289	4,043
June	18,478	6,603	244	2,783	30,635	23,649	294	4,501
Sept.	17,950	6,188	193	2,637	29,699	23,549	226	4,278
October	18,195	6,523	199	2,932	29,889	24,300	238	4,682
November	18,393	6,762	201	3,139	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(3) COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES (excluding Defence Service Vehicles).

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1945 - OCTOBER	89	420	5	8

TRADE.

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) during the four months ended October, 1945 and 1944 respectively, expressed in terms of Australian Currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	October	4 months ended October	October	4 Months ended October	October	4 Months ended October	October	4 Months ended October
	1945	1944	1945	1944	1945	1944	1945	1944
	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)
Oversea	427	395	1,698	1,910	696	1,481	3,907	4,909
Interstate	1,331	1,198	5,244	4,835	1,062	306	3,193	996
Total	1,758	1,593	6,942	6,745	1,758	1,787	7,100	5,905

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
NOVEMBER, 1945	86	71,996	6	6,506	193	17,011	285	95,513
NOVEMBER, 1944	34	19,334	3	1,350	108	11,589	145	32,273
5 months ended November, 1945	478	375,539	14	15,043	974	129,769	1466	520,351
5 months ended November, 1944	174	110,628	9	11,393	484	109,819	667	231,839

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS. (15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
NOVEMBER, 1945	20	14,736	1	100	38	3,021	59	17,857
NOVEMBER, 1944	8	1,331	-	-	21	997	29	2,328
5 months ended November, 1945	69	52,649	9	3,407	151	11,137	229	67,293
5 months ended November, 1944	26	15,886	5	1,306	119	8,438	150	25,630

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

2,173,089 lbs. were produced during October, 1945, and 6,320,366 lbs. for the four months ended October, 1945, as against 2,075,725 lbs. and 6,404,680 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

		NOVEMBER		11 months ended November	
		1945	1944	1945	1944
Quantity	Fine oz.	41,590	36,156	430,789	424,157
Value (Australian Currency)		447,887	383,257	4,604,148	4,453,666

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the eleven months ended November, 1945, amounted to £307,916 as against £649,679 for the corresponding period last year.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base, weighted average of six capital cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

	NOVEMBER		5 months ended November	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Food and Groceries:				
Metropolitan Area	1050	1060	1061	1064
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1182	1186	1193	1186
Northam	1058	1071	1070	1075
Dunbury	1033	1043	1044	1045
Geraldton	1073	1098	1084	1104

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees) = 100)					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees) = 1000)				
	1941	1942	1943	1944(a)	1945(a)	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	109	116	128	137	142	-	1014	865	826	870
February	111	118	130	138	143	-	986	861	824	868
March	112	118	132	139	142	-	962	846	825	877
April	111	118	134	139	142	-	955	835	827	876
May	112	119	131	140	143	-	927	836	832	891
June	113	118	135	139	143	-	907	835	820	903
July	113	117	136	140(a)	143	1000	888	828	832	899(c)
August	113	119	136	140	142	987	882	814	832	887(c)
September	114	120	137	140	139	994	877	806	834	
October	115	122	138	141		996	874	801	837	
November	116	123	136	142		1016	873	814	851	
December	118	124	137	143		1028	886	840	886	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1944, are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(c) Revised.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA. (Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	NOVEMBER		5 months ended November	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Units Generated .. (1000 K.W.H.)	15,109	15,312	77,586	78,375
Units Sold .. (1000 K.W.H.)	12,824	12,784	66,180	66,752

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
NOVEMBER, 1945	4,673	457	118,609	46,801
NOVEMBER, 1944	4,861	359	174,652	11,654
Eleven months ended November, 1945	63,116	3,526	819,531	151,199
Eleven months ended November, 1944	48,013	3,515	1,033,427	140,959